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MCKINLEY'S CABINET.
The Cabinet is now completed. Mr. McKinley is represented as seated at the head of the table surrounded by his chosen associates. They appear to be having a good time. They are discussing matters of local importance only. The "Yellow Kid" notes their presence in his own "sweet way."
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THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL.

Plucky Greece Ignores the Wishes of the Powers.

A FLOTILLA OF TORPEDO BOATS SENT TO THE ISLAND OF CRETE DESPITE THE PROTESTS OF TURKEY'S POWERFUL SPONSORS—MORE THAN LIKELY THAT ENGLAND WILL TAKE A HAND IN THE QUARREL—A KICK FROM TURKEY.

Athens, Feb. 11.—The government has formulated a notification to the powers setting forth that Greece cannot remain a mere spectator of the events which are taking place in Crete and that the ties of race and religion compel her to intervene in behalf of the oppressed and outraged Christians in that island.

In the chamber of deputies last evening Premier Delanyannis said that either the ports would be prevented by the powers from sending reinforcements to Crete or would persist in sending them there. In either case, the premier declared, the Greek government decided to take action and decisive action. With Crete demanding a union with the mother country he said Greece would not remain indifferent.

At the conclusion of the remarks of M. Delanyannis, the leader of the opposition assured the premier that the government would have the earnest support of the opposition, which evoked prolonged cheers. The Cretan committee here are making preparations on a large scale to land men and ammunition of war upon the shores of Crete and the first instalment of six hundred men were embarked and sailed last evening.

Advices received here from Crete say that a fight occurred at Kastelli, in the province of Kissamo, yesterday in which thirty Christians and 100 Musselmans were killed. Crowds continue to surround the palace, cheering the king, commending his majesty's action in sending war ships to Crete. The royal yacht Spahleria accompanies the Greek torpedo fleet to Crete.

TURKEY'S PROTEST.
Assin Bey, the Turkish minister, today visited the foreign office, acting under instructions from his government, made a protest against the dispatch of the Greek torpedo flotilla to Crete.

Assin Bey was treated with the utmost courtesy and was informed, so far as diplomacy allowed, of the attitude of Greece on the Cretan question. His protest, however, was productive of no result.

The Greek government will not recall the flotilla and, furthermore, a second flotilla will shortly start for Crete.

The troubles in the island have caused many inhabitants to flee to Greece. Since the outbreak fully 8,000 Cretans have arrived at the Piræus. As in the case of previous exodus from Crete, many of the refugees are unable to care for themselves, and the government will be compelled to extend aid to them.

VIEWS, IT AS SERIOUS.

London, Feb. 11.—The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting upon Cretan situation, says there is abundant foundation for the belief that the sending of the Greek flotilla to Crete is looked upon by the British government as a matter so serious as to threaten consequences of the greatest importance. In view of the fact that the action of Greece was entirely independent and taken without conveying the slightest notice of her intentions to the powers, the Gazette says Lord Salisbury may be relied upon to take prompt and decisive measures to neutralize its effect.

TRYING TO BAFFLE GREECE.

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—The porte has communicated by the telegraph with the powers asking their support in the efforts of Turkey to restore order in Crete, and the ambassadors are conferring upon the question of exerting their concerted pressure upon Greece to compel the return of Greek fleets from Cretan waters.

It is important that your horse and cow be fed well this cold weather. The place to buy your feed is Farmers' Supply Company. They keep Hay, Shucks, Straw, Oats, Corn, and all kinds of chops.

SOME INHUMAN WIVES.

Vienna, Feb. 11.—A story of wholesale murder reaches here from a small village in Hungary. It appears that there were a large number of unfaithful wives in the village who were desirous of ridding themselves of their husbands in order that they might the more easily carry on their liaisons with their lovers. Eighteen of them procured poison, which they administered to their husbands with fatal results. The murders have caused the greatest excitement among the peasants, to which class the women and their victims belonged.

NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 11.—The joint assembly met at noon today, but no quorum being present an adjournment was had until to-morrow.

WORK FOR 3,000 MEN.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—All the mills of the Illinois Steel Company's works at South Chicago started at full blast yesterday for the first time in many months. Nearly 3,000 men returned to work. Wages all along the line were cut from 10 to 15 per cent. The Bridgeport works, which employ about 2,500 men, are expected to resume soon with an increased wage scale similar to that of the Chicago plant.

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HAD A WET DAY.

Bunce's Squadron Has a Tussle With Jupiter Pluvius.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 11.—The flood-gates of heaven were opened upon Admiral Bunce's fleet and since early this morning the crews of all the warships have been making gallant attempts to exercise their batteries in a downpour of rain. The storm is fortunately accompanied by comparatively little wind, but the rain comes down in sheets, flooding every unprotected spot on shipboard. The guns have been kept going bravely, however. The maneuvers last night consisted of searchlight work until 8:30 o'clock, coupled with considerable gun practice.

During the night the Maine launched a torpedo very successfully. After 9 o'clock the battleships returned to the positions which they occupied Tuesday, and the watches for the night were set, while everything was on the alert looking for a possible blockade runner. It was known beyond question that the Vesuvius, the vessel to perform that service, had not arrived off the Carolina coast. To-night it may be different.

The Vesuvius is undoubtedly to make an attempt shortly to enter the harbor and the longer the effort is postponed the more vigilant become the blockading ships. The Indiana and Massachusetts had not joined the fleet this morning, though it is confidently expected that they will do so during the day.

Nothing of consequence had been done by the fleet during the day. At noon the Amphitrite came up to the city and anchored off the custom house pier, where she still lies.

An officer from the New York came up to the town yesterday and made contracts for coal for all the fleet, and the Amphitrite will be the first one to have her bunkers filled. The New York, Maine, Columbia and Massachusetts lay within a cable's length of one another to-day until nearly dark, and then they resumed their position of last night.

The fleet will practice with their secondary batteries to-night with the aid of their search lights. It is said that during the practice last night a seaman on the Maine was injured, but the name is not given and the report is not fully substantiated.

There is no longer a doubt that the fleet is now actually engaged in its blockade work. The Vesuvius is looked for hourly, and from unofficial sources on shipboard it is learned that the Dolphin may return to Charleston from Jacksonville as a blockade runner. Neither the Indiana nor Massachusetts had joined the fleet late this evening, though both are due here.

Captain Chester, of the Newark, arrived in the city with his family during the day and it is supposed that his ship, which has been coaling at Port Royal, will join him to-morrow.

A GORGE AT EVANSVILLE.

Cincinnati, Feb. 11.—The river is now falling from Pittsburgh to Portsmouth. The tributaries are also falling at Cincinnati. It was at a standstill at midnight, registering forty-four feet seven inches, within five inches of the danger line. There is an ice gorge at Evansville extending two miles below the city to seven miles above it. The water gauge stood at thirty-four feet last night and rising two inches an hour. This is the first gorge at Evansville in its history. The tugboat Penguin, lying at the mouth of Pigeon creek, was caught by the ice and carried against the Louisville and Nashville bridge. The boat was badly damaged and the crew narrowly escaped drowning.

WANT IT RATIFIED.

Richmond, Feb. 11.—The Richmond chamber of commerce to-night, at the instance of the committee of prominent business men and ministers, passed resolutions urging the Virginia Senators to vote for the ratification of the arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain. The question of holding a mass meeting of citizens to urge the ratification was referred to the chamber's committee on public meetings.

PROMINENT MEN SPEAK.

Richmond, Feb. 11.—Among the speakers at the annual banquet to-night of the Richmond Bar Association were Judges Goff and Brawley, of the United States circuit court of appeals, and Gen. Bradley T. Johnson. Judge Goff referred to the rumors connecting his name with a Cabinet position, but was very non-committal. Gen. Johnson took strong grounds in favor of the struggling Cubans and predicted that Cuba would eventually become a part of the United States.

CAPT. HAXALL DEAD.

Richmond, Feb. 11.—Capt. Phillip Haxall, at one time president of the Haxall-Crenshaw Mills Company, died to-night after a brief illness. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and was well known in social circles.

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FIGHT WITH OUTLAWS.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Menardville tells of a separate fight between outlaws and a sheriff's posse. J. C. Johnson, alias R. J. Smith, and Jim Crane were killed by the posse. Another man named Underwood was shot through the thigh and backbone and will die. The fourth outlaw, though wounded, managed to mount a horse and escaped.

SCOVELL'S TRIAL.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The State Department has learned that Correspondent Scovell must be tried at Sancti Spiritus, where he was arrested. The trial will be before a civil tribunal and in case of appeal is made it will probably be heard at Havana. This information is understood to be satisfactory to the officials.

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VERY LOOSE LEGISLATION

A Bill Before the Senate Which is Already a Law.

MR. MORGAN STILL VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE—E. E. CRITICISES AN APPROPRIATION FOR A MINISTER TO CENTRAL AMERICA. THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR BILL PASSED—IMMIGRATION BILL TO COME UP NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A curious illustration of the extremely loose business methods of Congress was furnished in the Senate to-day when Mr. Vest reported back from the committee on commerce a House bill which had been reported to that committee and stated that a similar bill has passed both Houses at the present session, had been approved and signed by the President and was now a law.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying an aggregate of \$1,005,308, was passed after some caustic remarks by Mr. Morgan on an item of \$10,000 for a minister plenipotentiary to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Salvador. Two of these states, he said, had, according to newspaper reports, formed with Honduras a new government called the Greater Republic of Central America, sending a minister to Washington, who had been formally recognized by the President and closing their respective offices, so that an American minister could hold no diplomatic relations with them individually, but as to this change the President of the United States had not condescended to give any information to Congress or the people.

Mr. Morgan spoke of this state of affairs as having brought about a very awkward complication, but he said that he had no proposition to make about it, neither had Mr. Hale, of Maine, who was in charge of the bill and who recognized the force of Mr. Morgan's observations, but said that the committee on appropriations had thought it better to leave the usual item in the bill and let the State Department arrange the difficulty in any way that might seem best to it.

An agreement was reached to have the vote on the conference report on the immigration bill taken at 4 p. m. next Wednesday.

At half-past one the Senate went into executive session on the arbitration treaty, and continued to sit with closed doors till 4:45 p. m., when it adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

A displaced semi-colon in the bill providing for refunding bonded indebtedness of the several Territories was the innocent cause of a wholly unexpected debate on the monetary question in the House to-day lasting two or three hours. Two or three years ago Congress authorized Arizona to sell some "gold" bonds upon the request of M. A. Smith, then the delegate from that Territory, because the Territory could get better terms for such bonds than for "lawful money" bonds. The bill under discussion authorized the refunding of these particular bonds, but the presence of a semi-colon suggested to Mr. McMillan the possibility that the bill could be so construed as to warrant the issue of gold bonds for all the bonds issued by Arizona.

From Mr. Payne's declaration that "he could see no harm that would result if all the bonds were made payable in gold" a lively discussion sprang up, in which many members took part, and which took a wide range.

The most important statements in the course of the debate were those of Mr. Knox, in charge of the bill, that the country was upon a gold basis; that it would doubtless continue on that basis; that it would not initiate an international bimetallic conference, and that there was sufficient statesmanship in the Republican party to provide for the largest possible use of silver, and that it would not be through the unlimited coinage of that metal.

Mr. Knox suggested the semi-colon be replaced by a comma. On Mr. McMillan's suggestion the bonds, other than Arizona gold bonds named, were made payable in the "lawful money of the United States" and the bill was then passed.

The sundry civil appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1898, was reported by Mr. Cameron and placed on the calendar.

Mr. Bartlett presented the unanimous report of elections committee No. 1 upon the contest of the Thomas E. Watson vs. J. C. C. Black, from the Tenth district of Georgia, in favor of Black, and stated he would call it up at the first opportunity.

The bill making appropriations, a total of \$9,253,325, for fortifications for the year ending June 30, 1898, was considered and passed.

The postoffice appropriation bill was taken up in committee of the whole and discussed for an hour without action. At 5:10 p. m. the House adjourned.

BIG FALL OF SNOW.

Great Bend, Kan., Feb. 11.—Western and Central Kansas is experiencing the worst snowstorm of the year. The air is filled with flying snow and it is impossible to distinguish anything 100 yards.

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A FARMERS' CONVENTION.

State Board of Agriculture Suggests That One be Held.

Richmond, Feb. 11.—Col. A. S. Buford, president of the State board of agriculture, and Col. Thomas Whitehead, commissioner of agriculture for Virginia, have sent out a circular to the boards of agriculture of the several States, from which the following is taken:

Our Virginia State board of agriculture has under consideration a proposal of recent origin for holding a representative convention of the farmers of the several States, at some suitable time and place during the ensuing spring, for conference, discussion, and concerted action on pending public questions of common and important interest to all our agricultural population.

As an initiatory proceeding it is suggested that a preliminary conference be held at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C., say March 5, 1897, at which a definite plan should be easily devised and adopted for constituting, organizing and conducting a body such as is thus proposed to be assembled, in such manner as would be then and there determined to be appropriate and practical; and in view of the brevity of intervening time, we take the liberty further to suggest, in default of something else, that such conference could appropriately consist of one or more delegates, not exceeding five from any one State, either of designated members of organized State boards, or State commissioners of agriculture, or of such others, representative farmers, as may be appointed or accredited for such conference by State boards or other competent State authority.

NOTHING FOR IVORY.

The British Government Will Not Compensate Him For False Arrest.

London, Feb. 11.—In the house of commons to-day Patrick O'Brien, Parnellite member for Kilkenny, asked the government if it was the intention to compensate Edward J. Ivory, the alleged Irish-American dynamite conspirator, the proceedings against whom were recently dropped by the government for want of evidence, for his imprisonment pending trial and the expense of defending himself against the government's unsupported charges. Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and the government leader of the house, replied that no communication had been received by the government from Ivory asking for compensation and the home secretary had informed him that it would be contrary to the established practice to admit any claim for compensation in such a case.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, replying to a question by John V. Laurie, conservative member for the Pembrokeshire and Haverley district, said the Dominion of Canada was disposed to contribute to the cost of a direct line of cable communication between Bermuda and Jamaica, but he was not aware that Canada had offered the sum of \$30,000 to the project, as has been suggested. However, he added, there were several difficulties in the way of constructing such a cable which Great Britain had not yet surmounted.

A RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Richmond, Feb. 11.—Judge J. C. Lamb, of the chancery court, this afternoon entered a decree appointing Charles L. Todd receiver of the Gallago mills. Petition was made to the chancery court a week or so ago for the appointment of a receiver by the Richard Grant Company, of New Jersey. Action upon the petition was postponed until to-day by consent of all parties interested. The bond of the receiver is fixed at \$25,000.

NAVAL NEWS.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Commander E. W. Watson is ordered to ordinance instruction at the Washington navy yard. The Detroit has arrived at Hong Kong on her way home from Japan. Her next stop will be at Bangkok to gather up the short-term men from the Maches, after which she will proceed to Colombo.

Two more vessels are ordered to join Admiral Bunce's squadron off Charleston, the armored coast defense ship Puritan, which is ready to sail at once, and the Terror, which will follow in a few days.

EARLY SPRING BUDS.

WE'VE SOME BEAUTIFUL SPRING PATTERNS OF FANCY BOSOM SHIRTS ON SALE TO-DAY, THE FIRST OF THE SEASON. COME ALONG AND BRIGHTEN UP A BIT. **GILKESON & TAYLOR.**

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Cleveland, Feb. 11.—Fire last evening in the King & Chi block, 143 Euclid avenue, caused a loss of \$100,000. The building was tenanted by Neidlinger's men's furnishing establishment, E. H. Chandler's grocery, W. A. Melink's piano warerooms and Churchill's drug store. The contents of each store were entirely destroyed or ruined by smoke and water.

ANOTHER EAT JOB.

Lexington, Va., Feb. 11.—The board of trustees of Washington and Lee University met here to-day and elected Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, Postmaster General, president of the University. It is said that a committee of the board visited Mr. Wilson soon after the resignation of President Lee and that he expressed himself as being willing to accept the position. He will enter upon his duties as president on July 1.

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BUSINESS IS LOOKING UP.

The Breaking of the Rail Pool Stimulates Commerce.

A MODERATE INCREASE IN TRADE IS REPORTED FROM VARIOUS SOUTHERN CENTERS OF ACTIVITY—THE WEST REPORTS BETTER SALES THAN FOR ANY WEEK THIS YEAR—THE MOVEMENT OF PRICES IS FAVORABLE—POOR SHOWING OF THE RAILWAY EARNINGS FOR JANUARY.

New York, Feb. 11.—Bradstreet's will say on Saturday:

The more favorable features of the business week include sales of 300,000 tons of steel rails on the collapse of the pool, which promises work for the mills for months to come; the advance in the price of print clothes, followed by the sale of 750,000 pieces from accumulated stock, and the starting of a number of important metal and other industrial establishments throughout the Eastern and Middle States.

The recent reduction in the price of steel billets of \$5 a ton, while rails were reduced only \$3, foreshadowed another cut in rail prices or the breaking up of the pool. The latter finds prices from \$8 to \$9 lower than last week. One effect will be to stimulate exports of rails, demand for domestic Bessemer pig iron and for ore, and consumption of iron and steel generally. There is a moderate increase in demand for pig iron at Pittsburgh, and purchases have been made by St. Louis stovemen.

Considerable activity is reported in hemlock leather, for which the price is higher, and American purchases of wool at the London sale amounted to 450,000 bales, the heaviest total at any such sale since the speculative buying there by Americans prior to the going into effect of the McKinley tariff.

Memphis reports revived interest in shoes and clothing, and Birmingham and Jacksonville a moderate increase in the volume of trade as spring approaches. Louisville collections have improved, and orders for spring goods at St. Louis have increased. Chicago dry goods jobbers report only a moderate gain, but at St. Paul sales of dry goods, shoes, groceries, hardware, drugs and millinery are the most encouraging for any week thus far this year.

At most other important Western and Central Western cities trade remains quiet and unchanged, with little prospect for an early improvement. Omaha reports business dull, and at Galveston, where distribution of merchandise has been fairly active, the reverse is now true. Trade is dull and unsatisfactory at Cleveland and Charleston advises that collections are falling behind. The movement of prices is, on the whole, favorable.

January gross railway earnings reflect quieter trade in that month than in January, 1896, while showing the effect of reduced grain tonnage and severe storms in the Northwest. Every group of American roads show a falling off from January a year ago. Increases in January are few and small, the largest being only slightly in excess of \$50,000, while seventeen systems show a decrease of \$50,000. Total earnings of 114 railroad companies for January aggregate \$34,560,824, a falling off of 6.8 per cent. from a year ago. Mexican roads gained 18.3 per cent. in January over a year ago. Gross and net returns from leading railroads for the calendar year 1896 show a striking similarity as to volume to those of 1895. Total gross receipts of seventy companies give a total of \$726,950,406 for 1896, a falling off of only about \$2,000,000, or two-tenths of one per cent. from 1895, while net earnings aggregate \$226,026,742, a decrease of nine-tenths of one per cent. from the total in the preceding year.

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THE END VERY NEAR.

Lexington, Va., Feb. 11.—Hon. J. Randolph Tucker's condition is very critical and his end is daily looked for. Pleurisy, intestinal pneumonia and heart trouble are the diseases. He retains his faculties and is exceedingly cheerful.

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